

# I'D USE BOMB: DULLES

## 'Vital interests' that U.S. would 'have to' go to war over

**EDITORIAL**  
Keep off the verge...

MR. DULLES regrets... But what does he regret? Not that his policy brought the world to "the verge of war" on three occasions as he was reported to have claimed.

No. His only regret is that the American magazine Life gave him too much of the credit for the alleged successes for the U.S. that his gambling brought about. He went out of his way yesterday to restate his doctrine and, moreover, to boast about it.

It is Mr. Dulles who has arrived "at the edge"—of lunacy. H-bomb lunacy. In this respect he is evidently out to outdo his predecessor Mr. Forrestal, who, it will be remembered, finally went over the edge.

And this is the H-man with whom Mr. Eden is shortly to discuss "matters of common interest."

The British people substantially helped to drag the madmen back from the edge on the occasions to which Dulles referred.

The people must now make plain to Eden—and with great urgency—that they will resist to the last any fresh effort to fan the flames of war, to increase tension and to go any farther down the slope which leads to the edge.

The people of the world are divided, not into two hostile systems; but into a handful of powerful H-bomb politicians and militarists; and the overwhelming mass of mankind who are utterly opposed to them.

### Mile crater

For the mass the latest voice to speak out—that of the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Bell.

The bomb is morally indefensible says the Bishop. How refreshing and what a change from Archbishop's Fishers' "every deterrent to Communism, even the H-bomb is good."

The edge of H-bomb lunacy has also, it seems, been reached by our own Home Office.

In its latest publication we are told that a crater of a hydrogen bomb exploded at ground level will be a mile across; that the area of very heavy damage will be eight miles across.

The British people are told that if they whitewash their windows this would keep out 80 per cent of the heat.

The response to the appeal of the British Peace Committee—and of the Bishop of Chichester—must be prompt.

Bombard Eden with telegrams demanding an end to the testing, production and use of nuclear weapons and a more determined effort to reach accord at the Summit on disarmament.

Such bombardment, if on a big enough scale, will prove to be a far bigger and more real deterrent to war than the ravings of hydrogen lunatics at home or abroad.

### Len Hutton

SOUTHERN schoolboys—if they have good memories—associate the Wars of the Roses with 1455 and Henry Tudor. Up North they associate the Wars with the Yorks v Lancs matches that have been held twice a year for the past hundred years.

And it is the name of Len Hutton which they will recall a generation from now when boasting to their sons of great cricketers they have known.

Twenty-one years have passed since Len first got his cap for Yorkshire, and many were the critics who his first efforts proved unrewarding.

Those with vision saw differently; thus Herbert Sutcliffe, his great predecessor, wrote in terms of eulogy of him—as did Sir Pelham Warner in his "Cricketer Between Two Wars."

But Hutton's greatest service was after the last war. Not only did he break down the golden curtain and become England's Player (as distinct from Gentleman) captain—but England's best and most successful.

On that summer afternoon in 1953, the final Test Match against the Aussies, held up more work than any comparable event—as crowds gathered densely and tensely around loudspeakers.

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**THE world's most dangerous man, John Foster Dulles, yesterday made it clear that despite international protests he would still use the atom bomb to back U.S. political policies.**

To a Press conference on his now notorious "verge of war" article, he made statements that were:

1. An attempt at international blackmail.
2. A preparation for the use of nuclear weapons in the future, if necessary.

But comment from the Socialist countries reminded U.S. Secretary of State Dulles—and the U.S. Government—that America had in Korea already been revealed as a "paper tiger" and that it was unwise to attempt negotiations from a "position of strength."

Aware of the storm aroused by his "Life" article in which he said America had three times in the last 18 months been ready to start an atomic war, Mr. Dulles wriggled a little.

He said quotations from the article had been given "oversimplification and over-emphasis."

He was confronted with the remark that has done more damage to U.S. reputation than any other single sentence in recent years:

"Of course we were brought to the verge of war. The ability to get to the verge of war without getting into it, is the necessary art."

This, he said, had been made ambiguous because it was taken out of its context.

### U.S. CHOICE

It was ambiguous because it implied that getting to the brink of war might be the choice of the United States, rather than the choice forced on it, he argued.

This correction of the "ambiguity" merely made it clear that America herself would make the choice of when to use the bomb.

America should adopt every honourable course to avoid war, said Mr. Dulles, apparently with one eye on the protests, but immediately he added:

"I believe, however, that there are basic moral values and vital interests for which we stand and that the sure way to avoid war is to let it be known in advance that we are prepared to defend these principles, if need be by life itself."

This was recognised as being little more than a statement that Mr. Dulles would start an atomic war, if necessary.

### Leave NATO

Mr. K. Zilliacus, Labour M.P. for Gorton, said yesterday that when the House of Commons meets next Tuesday he will ask the Prime Minister:

"To point out to the United States President and Mr. Dulles in Washington that the United States Charter prohibits threats of force to settle international disputes, and to make it clear that unless the United States seeks to observe this basic principle Britain will leave N.A.T.O. and S.E.A.T.O."

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sary, for the advancement of America's "vital interests."

To emphasise the whole policy, Mr. Dulles said modestly that he thought the article had given him more credit than was due to him for the "success" of U.S. policy in threatening military action against the crises over Korea, Formosa and China—the three occasions on which his article said America was "on the verge" of atomic war.

He claimed that the policy of making the U.S. position clear in advance involved risks, but prevented miscalculation by other nations.

And he also claimed Government support for this as "a national policy."

He denied suggestions that the article was timed to influence Sir Anthony Eden in his conference with President Eisenhower at the end of this month.

Soviet and Chinese papers yesterday joined in the protests against the Dulles article.

### ISOLATION

Pravda, newspaper of the Soviet Communist Party, said that in "carrying out the unrealistic policy of Mr. Dulles and his supporters had not learned that "it is ridiculous to negotiate with the Soviet Union and the countries of the peace camp from a 'position of strength.'"

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And here is how A-war 'defence' would look in Britain—OFFICIAL

## DAUB OF PAINT AGAINST BOMB

Daily Worker Reporter

**IF an H-bomb war should come... whitewash your windows and dig a trench underneath the living-room floorboards.**

This ludicrous advice is given by the Home Office in a Civil Defence pamphlet, "Nuclear Weapons," issued today. Intended for Civil Defence workers, it deals with the hydrogen bomb and replaces an outdated pamphlet on the "ordinary" A-bomb of the type used on Japan.

Through a cloud of official language and statistical tables a nightmare picture emerges.

The bomb crater itself would be a mile across. Within a circle eight miles across everything would be totally destroyed and all exposed people would be burnt to death.

In the next great circle, 20 miles across, serious fires would be started and fires would even persist over a 40-mile circle.

### Slow sickness

Everywhere would be the danger from radioactivity bringing the sickness which starts with baldness and vomiting and ends in death—perhaps weeks later.

The contaminated area, cigar-shaped, would extend 220 miles downwind. At 140 miles away, anyone exposed in the open for 36 hours would die.

The pamphlet's account of possible "Civil Defence" against such an attack has a terrifying blandness. There are some of the measures it suggests:

Blast: The debris from the mile-wide bomb crater "would be scattered around in a ring about two miles in diameter, and the remains of any structures in this area might consequently be buried."

Paul Altogether 3,000 signatures have been sent to the White House or have been delivered to the Embassy.

### Debris poser

"It will be seen at once that debris is going to be one of the outstanding problems," says the pamphlet in one of its many masterpieces of understatement.

But the only defence measure it can suggest is a survey in major cities of suitable traffic routes "should the emergency arise."

Burning: "It is relatively easy to gain protection since one has only to be out of the direct path of the rays from the fire ball. Complete protection from heat-burn could be achieved if everyone took cover," it says, dealing with the "nominal" or ordinary A-bomb.

How people could "take cover" after the explosion of an H-bomb, where everything within a circle five miles across was completely destroyed, is not explained.

Wear wool garments light in colour, advises the pamphlet, and illustrates the point with the picture of the back of a woman, presumably a Japanese victim on to whose skin the dark pattern of a dress has been burnt.

It throws out some comfort for those caught several miles from an H-bomb explosion. Because the thermal radiation lasts so long there is more time for people... to rush to cover."

"Since thermal radiation has no..."

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### WINTER'S WORST

Orkney had its worst storm of the winter yesterday following gales which overnight reached 101 m.p.h. at Costerhead. Gusts of 75 m.p.h. were recorded at Kirkwall Airport.

Fog and ice slightly hampered motorists in many parts of England yesterday morning, and a number of Scottish roads were snow-blocked.

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**RETIRING**



"A fine model for young players, respected wherever he played the world over"—that was former Yorkshire skipper Norman Yardley's tribute last night to England's captain Len Hutton, who has announced his retirement from first-class cricket. (England needs him: p. 4.)

### Now 302 in car rally...

AFTER 36 hours of continuous driving, barely half a dozen drivers had dropped out last night of the 308 who had started from seven cities of Europe in the 2,550-mile Monte Carlo Rally.

One of them was Herbert Harper, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, who had started from Glasgow in an MG and abandoned at Bourges.

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From MALCOLM MACLEWEN

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### Pushed through

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One rather extraordinary feature of the disciplinary action taken by the Labour group is that last November a meeting of the group specially to discuss rent policy decided to defer the differential rent scheme until the Labour Party conference had been held.

The following day at the ordinary meeting of the Labour group however, the Right-Wing leadership of the council made the issue a matter of confidence and succeeded in forcing the group by a majority to introduce differential rents right away.

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